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1. SUMMARY. PRIVATE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS CONTINUED THROUGH WEEKEND AND ON SEPTEMBER 12 ON TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION WITH OUTCOME STILL UNCLEAR. US POSITION CONVEYED TO WESTERN FIVE AND TO JAIPAL (REFTEL); CANADA, FRG, AND UK FAVOR ABSTENTION OF JAIPAL DRAFT (USUN 2960) AS IT NOW STANDS. CHRISTOPHIDES HAS APPOINTMENT WITH SC PRESIDENT LATE SEPTEMBER 12. FRG MISSION ANTICIPATES SC FINAL MEETING AND VOTING IN AFTERNOON ON SEPTEMBER 13. END SUMMARY

2. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN WESTERN FIVE AND JAIPAL CONTINUED TO CENTER ON IMPASSE ON CYPRUS FM CHRISTOPHIDES REJECTING THE DELETION OF "IN THE NEW FAMAGUSTA AREA" IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE. US PRESENTED ITS POSITION (REFTEL) IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER WESTERN SC MEMBERS
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WHO WERE IN AGREEMENT IN JOINING US TO ABSTAIN ON JAIPAL TEST UNLESS AMENDED. IN ADDITION TO US PROPOSED AMENDMENT, AMB. BARTON (CANADA) SUGGESTED SHIFTING OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE TO PREAMBLE WITH APPROPRIATE VERB CHANGE. WE UNDERSTAND FROM FRG MISOFF THAT FM CHRISTOPHIDES REJECTED THIS SUGGESTION AS WELL AS US PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. CHRISTOPHIDES MADE CLEAR IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB. JAIPAL

(INDIA) THAT JAIPAL TEXT IN ITS PRESENT FORM REPRESENTS THE BOTTOM LINE OF CYPRUS ACCEPTANCE. HE CLARIFIED THAT NO SOFTENING OF JAIPAL TEXT COULD BE ACCEPTED BY GOC.

3. A FURTHER DRAFTING SUGGESTION BY UK TO STRENGTHEN OPERATIVE ONE BY INCORPORATING LANGUAGE FROM OPERATIVE FOUR, WHILE DELETING REFERENCE TO "NEW FAMAGUSTA AREA" WAS ALSO REJECTED BY CHRISTOPHIDES. NEXT DEVELOPMENT IS CHRISTOPHIDES CALL ON SC PRESIDENT EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 12. FRG MISSION ANTICIPATES OUTCOME OF MEETING WILL BE CHRISTOPHIDES URGING JAIPAL TEXT TO BE ISSUED AS PROVISIONAL DRAFT WITH SOME MINOR CHANGES, WHICH HE REPORTEDLY TOLD JAIPAL WOULDNOT ALTER SUBSTANCE OF RESOLUTION. FRG MISOFF ADDED THAT CHRISTOPHIDES IS EVIDENCING CONSIDERABLE IMPATIENCE, FRUSTRATION, AND SENSE THAT HE MAY LOSE VOTE ON RESOLUTION. WESTERN FIVE IN CONSULTATIONS SEPTEMBER 12 ON RHODESIAN SITUATION RECOMMENDED AMBASSADOR LEONARD MEET WITH CHRISTOPHIDES IN FINAL EFFORT TO CONVINCE HIM TO ACQUIESCE TO DELETION OF "IN THE NEW FAMAGUSTA AREA". WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 13.

4. LASTLY, WE LEARNED FROM FRG OF PROCEDURAL INNOVATION MENTIONED IN PASSING BY CYPRUS MISSION (JACOVIDES) WHEREBY OPERATIVE PARA ONE WOULD BE TABLED FOR A SEPARATE VOTE. WHILE EMPLOYED INFREQUENTLY AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THIS DEVICE COULD BE VIEWED AS HELPING TO SAVE FACE FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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CYPRUS BY ALLOWING IT TO LOSE ON THE KEY PARAGRAPH, AS IT MIGHT, BUT STILL HOPE TO RECEIVE COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE (WITHOUT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE). ATTEMPTING TO MANIPULATE THE COUNCIL IS INDICATIVE OF NEAR DESPAIR AT THIS POINT BY CYPRUS MISSION: IT DOES NOT APPEAL TO US AT ALL NOR TO THE UK MISSION.

5. LIKELIHOOD NOW IS THAT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 13 IN THE AFTERNOON. LEONARD

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